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MEXICO FOR CUSTOMS ATTACHE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: AODE, PN
SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF CUSTOMS OFFICE IN PANAMA

1. EARLY IN 1976 A REPRESENTATIVE FROM U.S. CUSTOMS EXPLORED POSSIBLITY OF ESTABLISHING A CUSTOMS ATTACHE OFFICE IN PANAMA. WHILE RECOGNIZING MERIT OF REQUEST, AMBASSADOR DEFERRED DECISION FOR REASONS RELATED TO NEGOTIATIONS OF PANAMA CANAL TREATIES AND OTHER PROBLEMS OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT NATURE. IN DECEMBER 1977, AFTER SIGNATURE OF NEW TREATIES, DEPUTY ASST COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS DENNIS RAISED THE PROPOSAL WITH THE AMBASSADOR AGAIN. THE AMBASSADOR AGREED THAT AS A RESULT OF THE DISAPPERANCE OF CANAL ZONE CUSTOMS IT WOULD BE IN THE U.S. INTEREST AND ADVANTAGEOUS FOR THE EMBASSY TO HAVE A CUSTOMS PRESENCE IN PANAMA. A TWO AGENT OFFICE WAS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE WITH ONE AGENT SPECIALIZING IN CONTRABAND MATTERS AND THE OTHER PROVIDING SUPPORT TO MISSION ON IMPORT REGULATIONY, FRAUD, DUMPING AND GSP INVESTIGATIONS. THE OFFICE WOULD REQUIRE SECRETARIAL SUPPORT.

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2. DURING THE RECENT FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTION OF THE EMBASSY, THE PROPOSAL WAS DISCUSSED WITH THE SENIOR INSPECTOR. THE INSPECTORS ENDORSED THE EMBASSY'S POSITION AND HAVE SO STATED IN THEIR INSPECTION REPORT.

3. THE EMBASSY HAS ALSO FAVORABLY CONSIDERED THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING A CUSTOMS OFFICE IN PANAMA IN

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ITS RECENT GORM SUBMISSION (PANAMA 3010).

4. THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE SECRETARY OF TREASURY HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO APPROVE CUSTOM'S REQUEST FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THREE U.S. CITIZEN MODE POSITIONS FOR PANAMA. THIS MESSAGE IS TO CONFIRM TO ALL INTERESTED OFFICES THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY THE AMBASSADOR, WHO CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL MADE BY U.S. CUSTOMS. JORDEN

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